

APSC Actions – Fall 2025

- I. APSC approved the following new courses:**
 - a. **CHEM 112 From Suds to Supper: The Science of Your Home** (Sept. 8, 2025)
 - b. **INBM 330 Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship** (Sept. 15, 2025)
 - c. **INBM 340 Big Data in Business** (Sept. 15, 2025)
 - d. **INBM 343 New Product Development** (Sept. 15, 2025)
 - e. **POSC 265 Public Policy and Policymaking** (Sept. 15, 2025)
 - f. **AFST 225 African American Foodways** (Sept. 22, 2025)
 - g. **AFST 227 It's a Hip Hop World: The Rise and Implications of Hip Hop Beyond the US** (Sept. 22, 2025)
 - h. **AFST 325 Seminar on Toni Morrison I** (Sept. 22, 2025)
 - i. **AFST 326 Seminar on Toni Morrison II** (Sept. 22, 2025)
 - j. **AFST 327 James Baldwin: Reflections of a Radical** (Sept. 22, 2025)
 - k. **AFST 330 African American Women Writers** (Sept. 22, 2025)
 - l. **AFST 331 African American Novel I** (Sept. 22, 2025)
 - m. **AFST 332 African American Novel II** (Sept. 22, 2025)
 - n. **AFST 340 Disfiguring the Black Body** (Sept. 22, 2025)
 - o. **AFST 341 Black Politics: A Century of Black Radicalism** (Sept. 22, 2025)
 - p. **ENST 325 Environmental Data Analysis in Practice** (Sept. 22, 2025)
 - q. **INST/POSC 256 The Politics of Southeast Asia** (Oct. 6, 2025)
 - r. **INBM 190 Special Topics in International Business and Management** (Oct. 13, 2025)
 - s. **SPAN 215 Spanish Composition and Conversation** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - t. **SPAN 225 Panoramas I** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - u. **SPAN 245 Introduction to Hispanic Literatures and Cultures** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - v. **SPAN 280 Topics in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Studies** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - w. **SPAN 325 Panoramas II** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - x. **SPAN 254 Engaging Spain** (Dec. 1, 2025)
- II. APSC approved the following one-time only courses:**
 - a. **HPPG 141 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification Training** (Sept. 15, 2025)
 - b. **Second Offering of One-Time Only INTD 250 AI as a Partner** (Sept. 22, 2025, Oct. 6, 2025)
 - c. **Dickinson at Universal Orlando: The Mathematics of Theme Parks One-Time Only Summer Course** (Nov. 10, 2025)
- III. APSC approved the removal of the following courses from the *Bulletin*:**
 - a. **ENST 361 The Role of Natural Science in Environmental Studies** (Oct. 6, 2025)
 - b. **ENST 362 Principles of Natural Science for Environmental Studies** (Oct. 6, 2025)
 - c. **SPAN 203 Spanish for Heritage Speakers** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - d. **SPAN 229 Spanish Conversation** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - e. **SPAN 231 Spanish Composition** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - f. **SPAN 295 Introduction to U.S. Latinx/Chicanx Literature and Culture** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - g. **SPAN 298 Literary Analysis of Hispanic Texts** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - h. **SPAN 299 Reading and Thinking About Texts** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - i. **SPAN 360 Introduction to Translation Studies** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - j. **SPAN 365 Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - k. **SPAN 366 Introduction to Spanish Sociolinguistics** (Nov. 24, 2025)
 - l. **SPAN 382 Topics in Hispanic Linguistics** (Nov. 24, 2025)

- m. **SPAN 385 Topics in LatinX/Chicanx Studies** (Nov. 24, 2025)
- n. **SPAN 401 Senior Research Seminar** (Nov. 24, 2025)

IV. APSC approved the following curriculum changes:

- a. **ASC approved a petition to teach two first-year seminars as credit/no credit** (Sept. 1, 2025)
- b. **Approval of a one-time capacity reduction due to ADS accommodation for HIST/EASN 120** (Sept. 1, 2025)
- c. **Academic Calendars 2030-2031 and 2031-2032** (Sept. 8, 2025)
- d. **Revision to the SPST Major and Minor** (Sept. 8, 2025, Nov. 17, 2025, Nov. 24, 2025)
- e. **Request from INST for the permanent cross-listing of INST 258 with POSC 258 Human Rights** (Oct. 6, 2025)
- f. **Request from HIST for a permanent cross-listing of GRMN 275 for HIST 375 Stalin, Mussolini, and the Rise of Authoritarianism** (Oct. 6, 2025)
- g. **Request from HIST for a permanent cross-listing of GRMN 276 for HIST 376 The Holocaust** (Oct. 6, 2025)
- h. **Request from CGSE for the Dallas Globally-Integrated Program** (Oct. 6, 2025)
- i. **Request from EDST for a Monday/Wednesday 1:30 to 2:45 PM time slot for EDST 470-01 in spring 2026** (Oct. 6, 2025)
- j. **Request from INBM for a Wednesday 12:30 to 3:30 PM time slot for INBM 391 in spring 2026** (Oct. 6, 2025)
- k. **Request from INBM for a Wednesday 6:00 to 9:00 PM time slot for INBM 300 HR Management in spring 2026** (Oct. 6, 2025)
- l. **Permanent Offering of Online Classes in Summer Term** (Oct. 6, 2025, Oct. 13, 2025)
- m. **Request from CLST and HIST for the following permanent cross-listings:**
 - HIST 220 for CLST 251 Greek History**
 - HIST 221 for CLST 253 Roman History**
 - HIST 224 for CLST 213/LAWP 258 Rise and Fall: Political History in the Ancient Mediterranean** (Oct. 13, 2025)
- n. **Request from AFST for a permanent cross-listing of POSC 215 for AFST 341 Black Politics: A Century of Black Radicalism** (Oct. 13, 2025)
- o. **Request from PSYC for a TF 3:30 to 4:45 timeslot for PSYC 140** (Oct. 13, 2025)
- p. **The addition of the Sophomore Career Summit to the Academic Calendar** (Oct. 13, 2025)
- q. **Request from ARTH for a capacity adjustment for ARTH 260** (Oct. 27, 2025)
- r. **Request from ITAL for a time slot change for ITAL 400** (Oct. 27, 2025)
- s. **Proposal to allow the Classical Languages and Italian, but not Spanish or any other language, to be taken concurrently with the Sicily Mosaic** (Oct. 27, 2025)
- t. **First-Year Seminar Reduction Petition Form and Criteria** (Oct. 27, 2025, Nov. 3, 2025, Nov. 10, 2025)
- u. **Weekly Schedule Proposal: FYSM Time Slot as Additional 2-day/75-minute slots** (Oct. 27, 2025, Nov. 3, 2025, Nov. 10, 2025)
- v. **Request from John MacCormick to set a run a special section of COMP 560 Independent Research: Liberating Chain-of-Thought Reasoning in Large Language Models in Spring 2026** (Nov. 10, 2025)
- w. **Request from LXC to standardize a cap of fifteen for all languages courses taught in the target language** (Nov. 10, 2025)
- x. **Request from MISC to change all MISC courses to one credit and to assign letter grades to the students who take them** (Dec. 1, 2025)
- y. **First-Year Seminar Staffing Reduction Petitions from ECON, MATH/COMP, RUSS, SPST and THDA** (Nov. 24, 2025, Dec. 1, 2025)

- z. **Revision to the Classical Studies major** (Dec. 1, 2025)
- aa. **Request from WGSS for the following permanent cross-listings:**
 - WGSS 211 for MUAC 211 Music, Gender, and Performance**
 - WGSS 215 for ARTH 216 Goddesses, Prostitutes, Wives, Saints, and Rulers: Women and European Art 1200-1680**
 - WGSS 228 for SOCI 228 Sociology of Sexualities**
 - WGSS 230 for ECON 230/SOCI 227 Political Economy of Gender**
 - WGSS 234 for POSC 233 Gender, Politics, and Policy in the U.S.**
 - WGSS 241 for JDST/RELG 240 Women, Gender and Judaism,**
 - WGSS 315 for THDA 316 Dance History Seminar: Modernism and the Body**
 - WGSS 330 for EDST 330 Gender and Education** (Dec. 8, 2025)
- bb. **Request from COMP to remove MATH 170 as a requirement for the major and replace it with a broader computer science related elective** (Dec. 8, 2025)
- cc. **Hebrew Language Hybrid Proposal for spring 2026 only** (Dec. 8, 2025)
- dd. **Request from GEAC for a change in majors for DIS and Temple Rome** (Dec. 8, 2025)

V. APSC denied the following:

- a. **A proposal to allow a student intern to grade other student's work in one of Peter Schadler's courses** (Oct. 6, 2025, Oct. 13, 2025)
- b. **The proposal to allow the option of one credit or half credit for the Sicily Mosaic research course** (Oct. 27, 2025)
- c. **Weekly Schedule Proposal: Evening Time Slots for Electives** (Oct. 27, 2025, Nov. 3, 2025)
- d. **First-Year Seminar Staffing Reduction Petitions from ANTH/ARCH, CRWR, GRMN and PHYS** (Nov. 24, 2025, Dec. 1, 2025)

VI. APSC approved changes to the following policies:

- a. **Clarification of the Transfer Credit Policy** (Oct. 27, 2025)

VII. Hiring

- a. **Renée Cramer provided an update on the process she and Amy Steinbugler followed with this year's hiring departments** (Sept. 8, 2025, Oct. 23, 2025)
- b. **Revision to the Draft of Ad Language on the APSC Reauthorization of Faculty Positions** (Nov. 24, 2025)

VIII. Discussions

- a. **New course proposals/form** (Sept. 15, 2025)
- b. **Assessment of Departmental and Gen Ed Requirements** (Sept. 15, 2025)
- c. **Reactions to Current Wording in the Academic Handbook for APSC** (Sept. 22, 2025, October 27, 2025, Nov. 3, 2025)
- d. **Spring 2026 Time Slot Spread** (Oct. 6, 2025)
- e. **FYSM Staffing Proposal** (Oct. 6, 2025)
- f. **Revision to the Academic Misconduct Policy** (Oct. 27, 2025, Nov. 17, 2025)
- g. **Discussion of Writing Program Statement on Generative AI does is not needed** (Oct. 27, 2025)
- h. **Fire Drills** (Nov. 17, 2025)
- i. **Guidance to departments on the new spring semester time slots** (Dec. 8, 2025)
- j. **Review of Certificates** (Dec. 8, 2025)

IX. Announcements

- a. **Evan Young reported that, in conjunction with the Academic Handbook revision, there will be multiple sessions scheduled throughout the semester for**

- the committee to discuss how APSC can best function to help our academic program (Sept. 1, 2025)**
- b. **Changes to course prerequisites can now be submitted directly to the Registrar's Office by department chairs using the same online form used for course title and description changes (Sept. 1, 2025)**
- c. **Renée Cramer reported that she's participating in a phone call with the Northeast Deans group regarding the executive order on H-1b visas (Sept. 22, 2025)**
- d. **Renée Cramer reported that Governor Shapiro has a new commission to think through the National Science Foundation funding cuts. She'll be participating in a phone call on how the state might stop gap some of the research needs among colleges and universities (Sept. 22, 2025)**
- e. **Revised learning outcomes for INST/POSC 256 were shared with the committee (Nov. 10, 2025)**
- f. **Evan Young reported that there are discrepancies between the APSC membership listed on the About APSC webpage and the membership listed in the Academic Handbook. We currently have two positions that have not gone through the P&B approval process. (Dec. 1, 2025)**

X. Reports

- a. **Spring 2025 APSC Actions (Sept. 8, 2025)**
- b. **Course Withdrawal Report, Spring 2025 (Sept. 8, 2025)**
- c. **Section Withdrawals (Sept. 8, 2025)**
- d. **Reasons for Course Withdrawal (Sept. 8, 2025)**
- e. **Longitudinal Class GPA Report (Sept. 8, 2025)**
- f. **Grade Analysis by Department, Spring 2025 (Sept. 8, 2025)**
- g. **GEAC Report of CGSE Short-Term Programs AY25-26 (Oct. 6, 2025)**
- h. **Fall 2025 Roll Call Grade Report (Nov. 3, 2025)**

XI. External Department Reviews

- a. **Assignment of APSC liaisons for DATA, ECON/QECN, FMST, HIST, MUAC (Sept. 1, 2025)**
- b. **CCLA Response to APSC Following External Review 23-24 (Sept 1, 2025)**
- c. **ARTH, NRSC Responses to APSC Following External Reviews 24-25 (Sept. 1, 2025)**
- d. **Responsibilities of Liaisons for External Reviews Discussion (Sept. 22, 2025)**
- e. **APSC's General Questions for External Reviewers (Oct. 27, 2025, Nov. 10, 2025)**
- f. **Revised External Review Schedule (Nov. 10, 2025)**
- g. **Music's external review originally scheduled for AY24-25 has been moved to AY 27-28 (Nov. 17, 2025)**

XII. Unfinished Business

- a. **Certificate discussion**
- b. **Advising Reimagined Update**
- c. **Standardization of Non-Credit Requirement (example – AFST)**
- d. **External Departmental Reviews**
 - Revise general questions for all departments' external reviewers
 - Revise questions asked to departments for inclusion in their self-studies
- e. **Revision of the Proposal for a New Course Form**
- f. **Prizes (General)**
- g. **From the Faculty Salary & Workload Task Force Recommendation for Additional Structural Reforms:**

- Reexamine the current weekly schedule and yearly academic calendar
- Reconsider the number of department requirements and graduation requirements
- Reevaluate current course caps
- Consider opportunities for reducing the number of academic units and committees

- h. Approval of Credit/No Credit Courses – ASC or APSC?
- i. Joint Attribute Designations
- j. Alumni/Expert Pedagogical Engagement